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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3512]

Bureau of Nonproliferation; Determination Under the Arms Export Control Act

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

Pursuant to section 654(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Department of State has made a determination pursuant to Section 73 of the Arms Export Control Act. The Department has concluded that publication of the determination would be harmful to the national security of the United States.

Dated: December 4, 2000.

Robert J. Einhorn,
*Assistant Secretary of State for
Nonproliferation.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3513]

Bureau of Nonproliferation; Imposition of Missile Proliferation Sanctions Against Entities in Iran

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A determination has been made that entities in Iran have engaged in missile technology proliferation activities that require imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, and the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (as carried out under Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994).

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vann H. Van Diepen, Office of Chemical, Biological and Missile Nonproliferation, Bureau of Nonproliferation, Department of State (202-647-1142).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 73(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2797b(a)(1)); section 11B(b)(1) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. app. 2401b(b)(1)), as carried out under

Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994 (hereinafter cited as the "Export Administration Act of 1979"); and Executive Order 12851 of June 11, 1993; a determination was made on November 17, 2000, that the following foreign persons have engaged in missile technology proliferation activities that require the imposition of the sanctions described in section 73(a)(2)(B) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2797b(a)(2)(B)) and Section 11B(b)(1)(B)(ii) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. app. 2410b(b)(1)(B)(ii)) on the following entities:

1. Shahid Hemmat Industrial Group (SHIG) (Iran) and its sub-units and successors; and

2. SANAM Industrial Group (Iran) and its sub-units and successors.

Accordingly, the following sanctions are being imposed on these entities:

(A) new individual licenses for exports to the entities described above of items controlled pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979 will be denied for two years;

(B) new licenses for export to the entities described above of items controlled pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act will be denied for two years; and

(C) no new United States Government contracts involving the entities described above will be entered into for two years.

With respect to items controlled pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, the export sanction only applies to exports made pursuant to individual export licenses.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible agencies as provided in Executive Order 12851 of June 11, 1993.

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Nonproliferation.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3514]

Bureau of Nonproliferation; Lifting of Nonproliferation Measures Against Two Russian Entities

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A determination has been made, pursuant to section 6 of Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, as amended by Executive Order 13094 of

July 28, 1998, to remove nonproliferation measures on two Russian entities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: On general issues: Vann H. Van Diepen, Office of Chemical, Biological and Missile Nonproliferation, Bureau of Nonproliferation, Department of State, (202-647-1142). On import ban issues: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, (202-622-2500). On U.S. Government procurement ban issues: Gladys Gines, Office of the Procurement Executive, Department of State, (703-516-1691).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authorities vested in the President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) ("IEEPA"), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and Section 6 of Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, as amended, a determination was made on November 17, 2000, that it is in the foreign policy and national security interests of the United States to remove the restrictions imposed July 30, 1998, on the following Russian entities, their sub-units and successors, pursuant to Sections 4(b), 4(c), and 4(d) of the Executive Order: INOR Scientific Institute; and Polyus Scientific Production Association.

Dated: December 4, 2000.

Robert J. Einhorn,
*Assistant Secretary of State for
Nonproliferation.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice Number 3495]

United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC)— Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITAC-T); National Committee and U.S. Study Groups A, B, and D; Notice of Meetings

The Department of State announces meetings of the U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC), ITAC—Telecommunication Standardization (ITAC-T) National Committee, and U.S. Study Groups A, B, and D. The purpose of the Committees is to advise the Department on policy and technical issues with respect to the International

Telecommunication Union and international telecommunication standardization and development. Except where noted, meetings will be held at the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The ITAC will meet on December 20, 2000, from 9:30 to noon to prepare for the World Telecommunication Policy Forum on Internet Telephony in Department of State room 1406 and from 1:30 to 4:30 to prepare for the next meeting on ITU Reform in Department of State room 1207.

The ITAC-T National Committee will meet January 10, 2001 from 9:30 to noon and February 28, 2001 from 9:30 to 3:30 at the offices of the Telecommunication Industry Association, 2500 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201. The ITAC-T National Committee will meet February 14, 2001 from 9:30 to 3:30 at the offices of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, 1200 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. The agenda for all three meetings will be preparations for the ITU-T Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group meeting starting on March 19, 2001.

The ITAC-T U.S. Study Group A will meet from 9:30 to noon on January 4, 2001, to prepare positions for the ITU-T Study Group 2 meeting starting in January 23, 2001.

The ITAC-T U.S. Study Group B will meet from 9:00 am to 4:30 on January 19, 2001, at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75207 to prepare positions for the next ITU-T Study Group 15 meeting, February 5-9, 2001.

Members of the general public may attend these meetings. Directions to meeting locations and actual room assignments may be determined by calling the Secretariat at 202-647-0965/2592. For meetings held at the Department of State: entrance to the building is controlled; people intending to attend any of the ITAC meetings should send a fax to (202) 647-7407 not later than 24 hours before the meeting for preclearance. This fax should display the name of the meeting (ITAC T, U.S. Study Group) and date of meeting, your name, social security number, date of birth, and organizational affiliation. One of the following valid photo identifications will be required for admission: U.S. driver's license, passport, U.S. Government identification card. Enter the Department of State from the C Street Lobby; in view of escorting requirements, non-Government attendees should plan to arrive not less than 15 minutes before the meeting begins.

Attendees may join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admission of members will be limited to seating available.

Dated: December 9, 2000.

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Chairman, ITAC-T, U.S. Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Council on Environmental Quality

Guidelines for Implementation of Executive Order 13141: Environmental Review of Trade Agreements

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative and Council on Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Guidelines for implementation of Executive order 13141—environmental review of trade agreements: final.

SUMMARY: On November 16, 1999, President Clinton signed Executive Order 13141. 64 FR 63169 (Nov. 18, 1999). The Order makes explicit the United States' commitment to a policy of careful assessment and consideration of the environmental impacts of trade agreements, including, in certain instances, written environmental reviews. The Order directs the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to oversee implementation of the Order, including the development of procedures pursuant to the Order.

The procedures called for by the Executive Order (the Guidelines) are published below. USTR and CEQ developed the Guidelines through an extensive public process and consultations with appropriate foreign policy, environmental, and economic agencies and Congress. USTR and CEQ have carefully taken public views into account in finalizing the Guidelines, and the final Guidelines endeavor to reflect many of them.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Environment and Natural Resources Section, telephone 202-395-7320, or Council on Environmental Quality, telephone 202-456-6224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Executive Order 13141 builds on U.S. experience with written environmental reviews of previous trade agreements,

including the North American Free Trade Agreement (1991-92 and 1993), the Uruguay Round Agreements (1994), and the proposed Accelerated Tariff Liberalization initiative with respect to forest products (1999). The Order institutionalizes the use of environmental reviews as an important tool to help identify potential positive and negative environmental effects of certain major trade agreements, and to facilitate consideration of appropriate responses where effects are identified. Pursuant to the Order, environmental reviews, along with a process of ongoing assessment and evaluation, should help shape trade agreements that contribute to the broader goal of sustainable development. The Order is available on USTR's internet web site at www.ustr.gov.

USTR and CEQ developed the Guidelines called for by the Order in consultation with interested agencies on the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), including the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Interior, Justice, State, Treasury and Transportation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Agency for International Development. The TPSC, established under section 242 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. section 1872), is the principal staff-level mechanism for interagency decisionmaking on U.S. trade policy. The current participants in the TPSC process for purposes of the Guidelines include agencies with relevant environmental, economic and foreign policy expertise. *See* Guidelines, Appendix A.¹

As part of the process for developing the Guidelines, USTR and CEQ sought to involve interested members of the public at significant stages. At the outset, USTR and CEQ requested public comment concerning issues the agencies should consider in developing the guidelines, and received twenty-two sets of written comments. 65 FR 9757 (Feb. 22, 2000). USTR and CEQ also requested comment on draft guidelines published in July, 2000, and received twenty-five sets of written comments. 65 FR 42,743 (July 11, 2000). Eight individuals and organizations presented testimony with regard to the draft guidelines at the August 2 public hearing. All written comments and a

¹ The basic work of the TPSC is performed by a network of staff-level subcommittees and task forces, organized by geographical region and/or sector. The committees prepare recommendations on subjects within the purview (*e.g.*, instructions to negotiators on specific issues relevant to a given trade agreement). These recommendations take the form of a paper, which must then be cleared by agencies on the TPSC.